

9:00 a.m.

**Devotional Service**

January 29, 2023

*Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Welcome and Life in the Community

\*Hymn 20                      ***All Things Bright and Beautiful***

ROYAL OAK

\*Expressing Our Joy

Reece Humphreys

*Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.*

***People: We choose the living God.***

*Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.*

***People: We will walk the way of Christ.***

*Leader: Faith is not about holding on.*

***People: Faith is about letting go.***

*Leader: We offer more than words, O God.*

***People: We offer you our lives.***

*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*

***People: And also with you.***

*Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)*

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

***Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.***

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Psalm 46 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 489-90 in the pew Bible.]

Luke 10: 25-28 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 67 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

***Loving a Mystery***

Reece Humphreys

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 224-8630]

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\*At the Presentation

***Doxology*** (No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

***Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

\*Hymn 394

***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those who are able, please stand.